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to: DOT STIP
Subject: Juneau Access/Lynn Canal Highway

Dear State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities:

I fully support the Lynn Canal Highway, called 'JUNEAU ACCESS: Glacier Highway MP 40.5-91.1' on page 52 of STIP Draft Amendment #17. The Juneau Assembly, which represents myself, has also gone on record supporting the Lynn Canal Highway.

The Juneau Assembly has fulfilled its responsibility to encourage the State of Alaska to improve surface transportation to Juneau, Alaska's Capital City. Now it is up to you to fulfill your responsibility by rapidly completing the construction of the Lynn Canal Highway.

The 12 year time-frame for construction of the project is not acceptable, since the State and users will not realize any cost savings until it is completed. The project can and should be constructed within five years.

The Lynn Canal Highway Project is the most important project in the STIP Draft Amendment #17 for the entire State, since it improves access for all Alaskans to their Capital City. Funding its construction should be revised upwards to reflect that importance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Rafferty

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